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BSA honors Black History Month



I HAVE A DREAM Martin Luther King Jr.'s most memorable speech

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Managing Editor

TJC honors Black History Month with several events to educate students about this annual observance.

February is a month to celebrate the American black culture. The Black Student Association's goal is to spread the culture to the TJC community and help encourage the education about black history.

Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks are just a couple of the many African Americans who helped inspire BSA sponsor Courtney Pickett.

She hopes to encourage students to stand together and learn about the culture.

"Black History Month signifies unity, brings everyone together," Pickett said. "In BSA, we promote black excellence, we promote going to four-year campuses when they leave this school."

One of the events that will be held in honor of Black History Month will be Courtyard Madness, an event that will take place at noon on Friday, Feb. 24, in the OHPE-Gentry Gym.

Myesha Whitfield, vice president of Black Student Association, shared that Courtyard Madness will have 3-on-

3 games, a dunk contest, and a 3-point shooting contest. Whitfield also said that the MC's in the event will be sharing interesting facts and answering questions about Black History Month.

Brittany Boakye, president of Black Student Association, encourages the students at TJC to join the organization to learn about the black culture.

Boakye made it clear that this organization is for everyone who wants to learn about black history.

BSA meets at 5 p.m. every Thursday in the Spirit Rooms on the first floor of the Rogers Student Center.

Meet the Browns, a family on the same career path



Photo by Tyler Junior College

David Mooney
Student Life Editor

TJC has always been known for its unique and diverse students on campus. Among these ambitious students is the Brown family, who are all in the nursing program together. Meet Christiana (daughter), Joshua (son) and their mother, Lisa Brown.

The story began when Christiana was searching for anatomy and physiology classes to take. At that time, she was attending another school and decided to ask around for a good professor. She was then referred to a professor who had just moved to TJC.

"Well, if he is the best, I might have to skip across county lines and go apply at TJC," said Christiana after being advised.

At that time, Joshua was taking classes with two of his brothers who

decided to join the military. Their decision left Joshua with the need of a ride to school. Joshua, who heard great things from Christiana about furthering her education, decided to ask his mom to take classes with him.

"Mama first was like, 'No that's crazy!' but then it just kind of flowed and happened perfectly," Joshua said.

"We had home-schooled for a lot of years, all of the children. I just thought, you know, when the last one is done, I was just going to stop and travel and decompress. But when he (Joshua) put that challenge before me I had to take a deep breath and think about it," said Lisa, about how her journey began. "As we began taking A&P courses together the next progression was let's do this together with Christiana. So we just decided to do it as a team, because we can help each other to succeed."

All of them agreed that the

instructors on campus were genuine at heart and allowed them to be pulled in more with ease.

"Yes they're educators, but if you dig deeper you can really see the goal that resides in them as people. That's what makes it great. All of them, just tremendous" said Lisa. "I've gone to college before and I didn't have that kind of interest taken in me as a student. So as I've gotten older you learn to see that and it has great value."

They all agree that nursing is their way of reaching out to people in need and to be a blessing in others lives.

In the future, Christiana wants to transfer, Joshua is weighing the options as he finishes the program he's in now, and Lisa said she would like to go on medical missions.

Lisa said, "Where ever God is directing my path I'm going, but also my family is my first heart."

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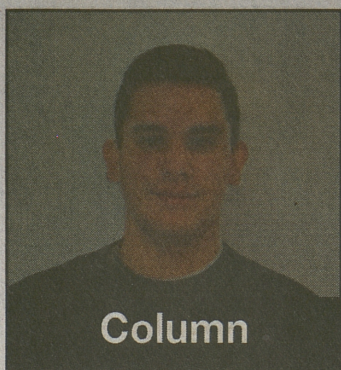
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Column

Andres R. Jaimes
Managing Editor

Venezuela, the most beautiful country in the world

Songs and pictures can not describe the real beauty of one of the most unique countries in the world.

if you keep up with the news you, along with many others, may think Venezuela is going through a struggle.

Let me tell you why this country is still one of the most beautiful places in the world.

The place I grew up in, is more than just an oil country. Venezuela has all the atmospheres you can possibly imagine.

Snow, desert, waterfalls, beaches, you name it we have it. We also have some of the greatest people in the world.

Venezuelans' are considered some of the happiest people on this planet. Our personality changes the mood of the groups of people around us, our smiles light up a room, and our laugh is music to people's ears.

We make an impact on everything we're involved in. In baseball we have MVP's and All-Stars like Jose Altuve and Miguel Cabrera. We have more than five Miss Universe, that should give everyone an idea of how beautiful our women are. Musicians and entertainers, make a name for themselves, like Edgar Ramirez who appears in the movie Bright, or the beloved Grammy winner Simon Diaz.

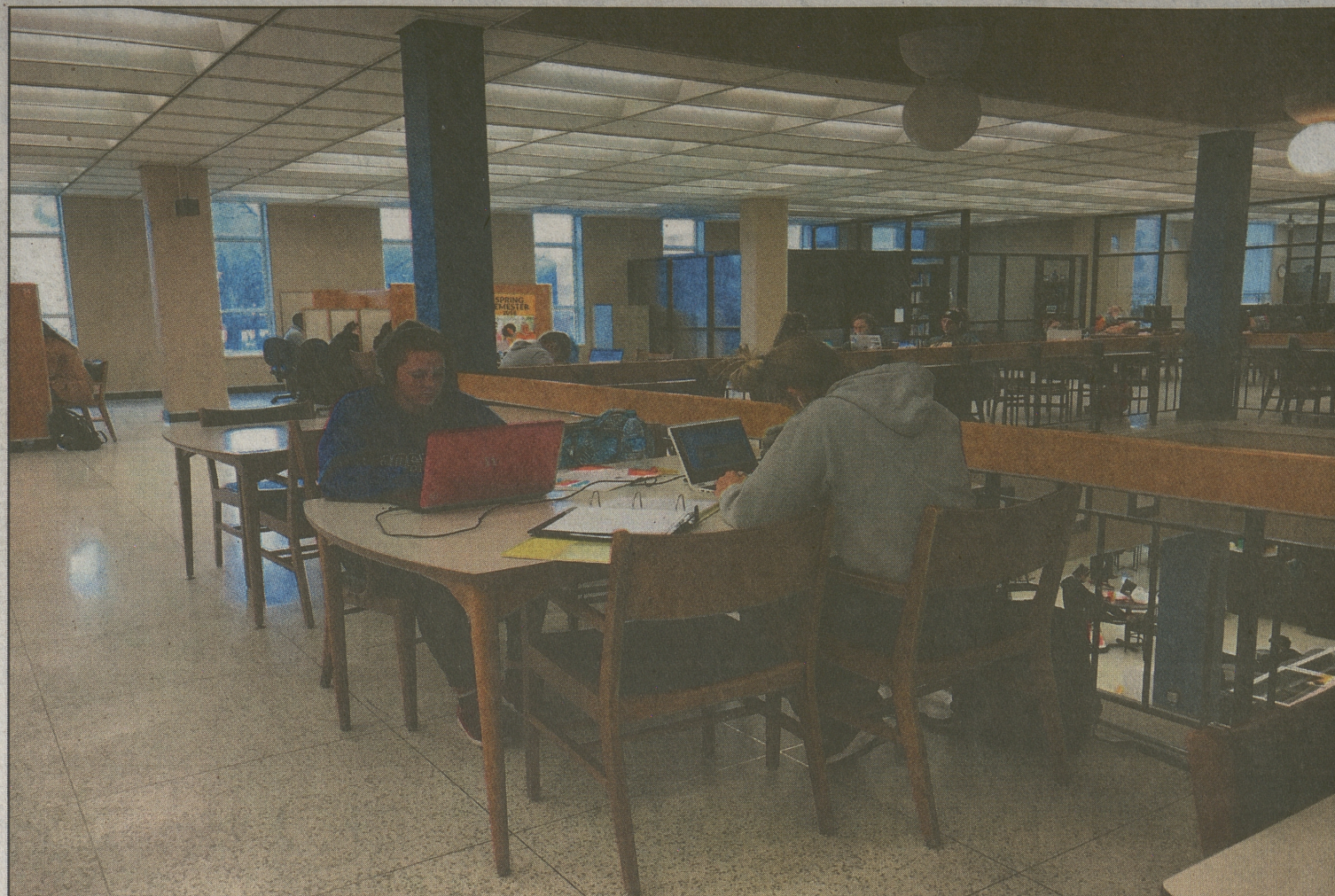
For those that love tourism, do not take Venezuela off your wish list.

One day we will come back from these tragic moments and it will be a great destination once again.

My mom always told me that I should never forget where I am from and that no matter where I go, I will never find a place like the country I was born in.

Now, 20 years later I realize she was right, no place in the world can compare to the people or atmosphere that live in Venezuela.

Viva Venezuela!



Editorial

The library is not a favored place for studying

Hundreds of students every week walk through the doors of the Vaughn Library. But let's be honest- for it being a library, it doesn't keep to a reputation of one. It may be a place to use computers, borrow a book when needed, or grab a cup of coffee, but the Vaughn Library is not a favored place for studying.

There's nothing worse than not being able to focus when you have homework due, that same day, all thanks to procrastination of course. Students who go to the TJC library aren't required to follow any guidelines to stay quiet, like most average libraries, but they are asked to do so out of courtesy for those there to study. This isn't necessarily a problem but for those of you who choose to spend their time in the library catching up on homework or studying for a test, well, there isn't much mercy left because of all the noise.

The coffee shop, for example, produces much laughter and dialogue from those partaking. The public computers are an invite for sound,

including the group of friends who congregate in front of the same screen. Are they even using it for homework? It seems like the majority of students who are in the library during the day just go there to hangout. Most conversations are just plain loud. Even if each conversation isn't considered loud by itself, when you add all the conversations together, it equals about the same amount as a public hangout place. Yeah, that's right, a hangout spot. A library is supposed to be a quiet study place.

Now, don't get the wrong idea. The Vaughn Library is a great place to go, which is the reason it's always crowded with students. But shouldn't it be called a library for library purposes? Students should be able to go to a quiet, secluded place to get the books they need and most importantly, get homework and studying done without distraction or noise. Next time you are there be mindful of others who are probably trying to submit something by 11:59 p.m.

Meet the editors: Vanesa Olvera, Editor in Chief

Hello there, my name is Vanesa Olvera, I am the new Editor in Chief for The Drum Beat. I am very excited to be a part of the student media given that I have absolutely no experience. This is my first year working for The Drumbeat and although I was writing stories for the Sports page last semester I feel like there is still so much for me to learn.

I am currently a full-time student, a single mother of two, and I also work two other part time jobs besides the student media. I currently have a very full schedule,

I work at a bank Monday through Saturday, Sephora on weekends, and of course I have to fit in being a full-time mother with everything else. I love money, I love makeup, I love writing and I love my kiddos so I definitely enjoy all of my jobs. This is probably the busiest I have ever been in my life but I honestly would not have it any other way. Although at times it can be overwhelming I am happy to be where I am in life.

This is my last semester at TJC, I will be graduating this May with my degree in Advertising/Public Relations. I am constantly getting

asked what I am majoring in and it never fails to throw people off. "Public Relations?" followed by a confused look while others who are familiar with what it is assure me that it fits me well.

When I first graduated high school, I was sure I wanted to be a Nurse. As a child I always said I wanted to be a Pediatrician but as I grew up I saw that Nursing just seemed to be THE position for a successful woman. I had no idea what I was getting myself into.

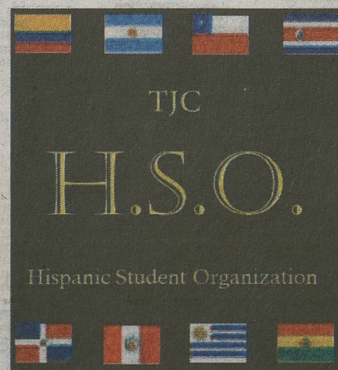
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Column

Vanesa Olvera
Editor-in-Chief

Guest column: Meet the student ambassadors



Guest Column

Jacqueline Nateros
Hispanic Student
Organization

I became involved with the Hispanic Student Organization before I even stepped foot at the TJC campus. When I started out as a freshman I was afraid to start brand new and meet new friends but all of my family members encouraged me to become involved and experience new things. So I did it all began in summer 2016 when I began becoming an active member with HSO. When I met the entire group I was able to meet different people from around the world.

For example people from Venezuela, Colombia, Mexico, Dominican Republic, basically almost all latin america. Throughout my time with them through the school semester I grew close to them and I now consider them my family including the advisor that was always there for us and encouraged us to keep going and overcome any obstacle that came throughout our life. Even though many of them graduated or moved on with their lives and we still maintain to keep in

touch. As they say you can make your lifelong friends in college. Even though HSO gave me many opportunities to meet new people and become more involved with student life they also offered me community service and leadership skills right after when I became an officer. The reason why I love HSO so much and why I hold it close to my life is because it was a place where I was able to find myself and grow as a person. So, I encourage many people to come out and join HSO

to experience student life around campus and to learn about new cultures. Who knew that from one organization you would meet many people from around the world. If you need community service HSO offers it by cleaning up our spot at TJC, partnering with East Texas Food Bank. It is not all about meetings but we also attend conferences that relate to the hispanic business world where we meet

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New Director of Campus Safety taking charge

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Brent Chambers took over this semester as the Director of Public Safety.

Director Chambers is the former head of the East Texas Branch of the FBI and has over a 100 cases to his name.

"I had the opportunity to become the agent in charge of east Texas, so I got promoted and came out here and I was over all the agents in east Texas for all violations: counter-terrorism, extortion, foreign counter-intelligence, espionage, everything, all areas were covered," Chambers said.

Not only has Chambers worked on many different cases, but he's also been involved in several high profile ones.

"Corrupt public officials, judges, senators, congressmen, I did a lot of investigations there," Chambers said. "I was on our evidence response time where we went to 9/11, to the disaster there, I did the shuttle disaster."

This is not Chambers' first time in TJC and he previously worked with Police Chief Melton for an active shooter situation exercise.

"Well, I've always known [TJC] because I knew them as the agent in charge here. So we worked with TJC, we did active shooter training here 'cause they're on top of trying to be trained for an incident," Chambers said.

Chambers decided to work after Dr. Juan Mejia, Provost of TJC, got into contact with him about working here.

"Well, I was getting towards the end of my career, the federal government has mandatory retirement at 57, but I knew that my age to get a different job was right around 50, so I knew it was coming to an end," Chambers said. "Doctor Mejia approached me about coming to work here and so I looked at it and thought it might be a really good opportunity and so I went ahead and retired and I came to work here. Retired on Friday, came to work here on Monday."

As for his plans for TJC, Chambers assures us there won't be any major changes.

"We can always enhance things, but it's not like there's a whole lot missing, it's like, hey, there's a new set of eyes, let's try this now, let's try this," Chambers said. "They have a real big emphasis on protecting the students and the faculty and staff and I guess I'm just a new set of eyes."

However, this does not mean there won't be any changes being made.

"We've made some personnel moves, internal moves, as far as those types of changes. We're gonna do a lot more emphasis on training, being prepared. That's a big thing for me, I wanna make sure everyone is prepared. For any kind of incident," Chambers said.

Chambers also plans to hold an FBI tabletop exercise here at TJC in the near future.

Chambers said that he looks forward to working with both the students and the student media.



NEW DIRECTOR Headquarters of the TJC police

The effects of DACA on TJC students

Andres Jaimes
Managing Editor

Although a resolution towards the situation for the Deferred Action of Childhood Arrivals, also known as DACA, has not been made yet, the government is still working to make a final decision. A decision that, within just a few months, can effect some of our own students who are DACA recipients.

Heidy Soto, a dental hygiene student at TJC, has been a DACA recipient for five years. Three of those years she has been a student here at TJC. This is a great example of how this permit has brought great young minds into this country.

Ever since she was awarded the permit, Heidy has taken full advantage of it. With great involvement in high school, she continued showing her passion for her education at TJC. Some of her accomplishments include receiving the presidential honors scholarship, holding an officer position at Phi Theta Kappa, and many others to come.

Like Heidy, the other "Dreamers" that have been awarded this permit also have a great potential to become leaders in this country. This permit is not granted to everyone that applies for it.

"I believe that the people that are granted DACA are mostly students

that want to get a degree and better themselves," said Heidy. "I feel like the population that does have it is helping the country."

Receiving DACA does not give this group of people nationality, however it does allow them to attain a Driver's License, a Social Security number, and a work permit, which gives these group of people a lot of opportunities to succeed in this country.

The thought of the government taking this permit away does not cross Heidy's mind often, however the thought is still there.

"There's times when I get worried," said Heidy, "But I feel like the government sees the benefit of DACA, because of the process that you go through."

Some of the requirements to apply to this program include being enrolled in high school, a graduate, or working on obtaining a GED certificate.

Applicants cannot have been convicted of a felony, a significant misdemeanor, or three or more minor misdemeanors. These along with other requisites are available at uscis.gov.

The government will soon make a decision on this policy that may affect hundreds, if not, thousands of students.

"I know there is a real commitment of solving the DACA challenge," said Paul Ryan, Speaker of the United States House of Representatives.



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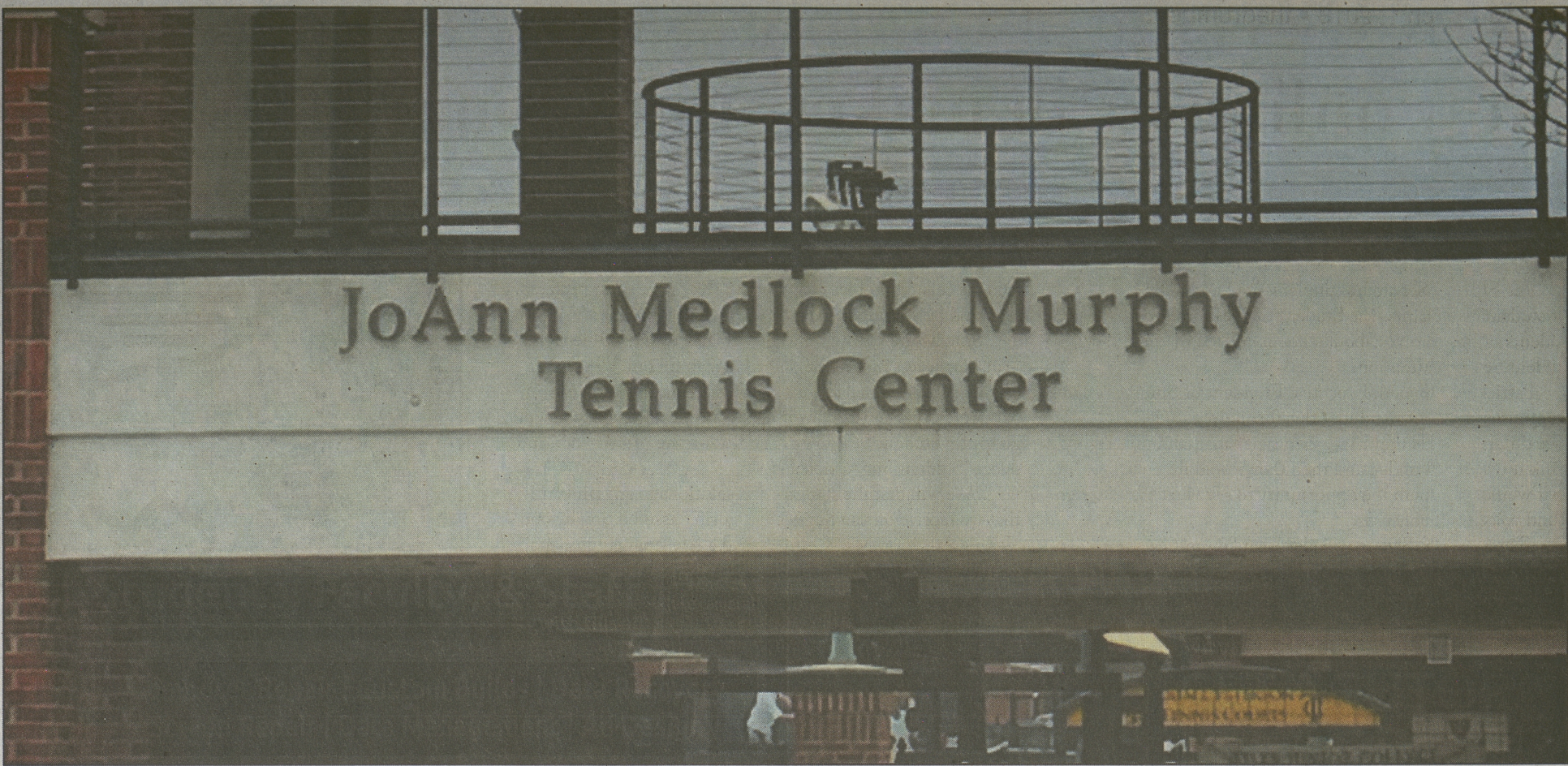
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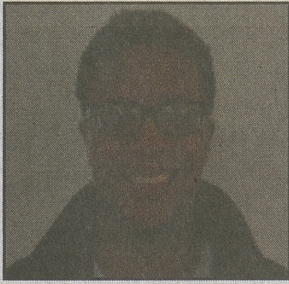




TJC TENNIS KEEPING THE SAME MINDSET.

Photo by Nicholas Kenebrew

TJC tennis is keeping the same winning mindset



Nicholas Kenebrew
Sport Editor

Tennis season has started and Coach Dash Connell has great aspirations. In addition, when asked how did it feel being ranked No. 1 in both men's and women's polls, he said, "it's good, one of the things we told our players, it's not where you start, it's where you finished."

"We kind of don't try to pay too much attention to the rankings, but it is nice to see people notice that you're working hard and are talented."

"The goal for both sides is to be ready at all times. The goal isn't necessarily to win a national championship directly, it's to be ready to compete for it."

As far as the players go, the coaching staff is still trying to get to know them better. When asked who was some of the most diverse players on both sides, he said for the men's side it's Marcus Walters and for the women's Kalani Soli.

Connell said, "Marcus Walters on the men's team has shown a lot of ability to do a lot of different things with the ball as well being able to finesse the ball some and really game plan."

Connell had some interesting things about Soli. Connell said, "If you watch her for a few minutes, you would think she's just a player who

hits the ball hard, but she has a lot more diversity to her game that gives other people fits because she can do a lot of different things that bother them."

Regarding preparations for the next match, the coaches have private lessons with the players to get them ready.

As far as preparing the team for competition, the coaching staff is taking things one step at a time in regards to the upcoming schedule, "to have that competitiveness ready, that feeling of being ready to do what you have to do to win that match," said Connell.

Apache football team is ready to roll



Isaiah Thornton
Staff Writer

With spring football quickly approaching, Apache Football team held their annual football tryouts this past weekend, over 250 athletes showed up, as players from across the state and out of state came to prove they can be apart of this football team.

Coach Matt Gordon, offensive coordinator said, "the purpose of this tryout is to find some untapped talent as some of these guys may have been overlooked when they were in high school".

Now this tryout comes on the heels of National Signing Day, the Apaches signed 45 players for this year recruiting class.

Head Coach Danny Palmer could name 20 kids off the bat he was really excited about as this year's class.

"We did it the best way going about it this year as

Rocco and Gordon and the rest of our coaching staff showed what this college has to offer for student-athletes while receiving a great education" said Coach Palmer.

With having a tryout the same week as signing day, you'd have to think maybe it would affect how they scout at the combine but Gordon doesn't believe so.

"With recruiting Junior College players you have to fill up the team as you never know when someone could get an offer to a university," said Gordon.

The day of the tryout was cold, as that Saturday morning, it was 62 degrees outside by noon, the temperature dropped to 41 degrees, as players were evaluated by positions on the offensive and defensive side of the ball.

"I think we found some guys a lot of talent came out I was really impressed with what I saw especially in these conditions" said Gordon. The next tryout is in April, the date has not been set yet.

Men's Tennis		Women's Tennis	
Feb 24th vs. Collin College 10:00 AM CT Tyler, TX	Mar 23rd vs. St. Edwards University 2:00 PM CT Waco, TX	Feb 16th vs. Northeastern State U. 3:00 PM CT Tyler, TX	Feb 24th vs. Seminole State College 3:00 PM CT Tyler, TX
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New online form makes filing complaints easier

Hannah Horton
Staff Writer

The Student Senate has implemented an online form for student complaints. The Student Suggestion Form allows students bring concerns about student-related matters to the Student Senate's attention.

Patrick Smallwood, Executive President of Student Senate, is enthusiastic about the outlet this form gives students. "We have different fields they can use to type what committee they think it would fall under, and then they would fill out the form. That would give them the opportunity to say what the problem is and voice their concerns."

Then, Student Senate will alert that committee, and its chairman will take up the issue.

"They'll at least try to find some kind of avenue to resolve

that problem," said Smallwood.

Smallwood said that all suggestions made through the form will remain confidential between the Student Senate, and students may use the form to report a variety of student-related problems, such as WiFi, facilities, or professors. "It could be a number of things."

Smallwood stressed the convenience of the online form. "You can access it at home. It's so easy to fill out."

The form is available on OrgSync.com. After signing in with your Apache ID, click on the "Organizations" tab. Then, go to the Student Senate portal, click on the "Forms" tab, and select "Student Suggestion Form."

"We will definitely try to find solutions to any problems that we receive on the Suggestion Form," assured Smallwood. "It's a great thing. We've already had a few submissions, and we're excited to get that implemented because it's almost direct access to us and to solutions."



'Beauty & the Beast' bicycle tour

David X. Mooney
Student Life Editor

TJC will be hosting the bicycle tour "Beauty & the Beast" on March 17. This is an event that will help raise money for TJC Promise Scholarships. The tour will take place at Bullard High School and you can sign up now with the early admission special which is \$40.

Registration and early bird breakfast will start at 6:30 a.m. The official start time is 9 a.m., lunch will be served from noon to 2 p.m. and the course will close at 3 p.m.

Rob Springer is the Director of annual-giving. He focuses on getting the study body, faculty and the community to fund scholarships for future TJC students.

Springer spoke about the event's name. "That's what the beauty and beast is.. The beauty of the Tyler east Texas terrain and the beast is really a very rare hill to ride your bike up that you can't really find, so it's very challenging."

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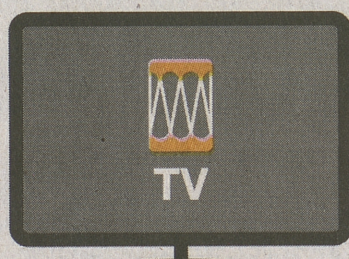
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This all came about by the promise scholarship which is a very aggressive initiative, a 20 million dollar endowed scholarship that is held in perpetuating. This means the 20 million isn't completely spent, but it is enough to fund scholarships for students.

The promise scholarship is specifically for freshman high school students in Tyler. They must sign up in the first semester of their freshman year in high school. Then, they must follow a set of rules.

"I heard a superintendant from Lindale describe it great.." Said Springer before mentioning the "Three G's". "Giving back to the community, there's a certain number of community service hours every year that they're required to meet.. Good grades, they must maintain at least a 2.5 average.. Good attendance, they cannot have more than ten unexcused absences into their sophomore year."

The ride is expected to receive an estimated number of 500 to 1,000 people. Last year about 400 people attended.

There will be 4 separate routes, all going up the mile-long 'beast' incline. Each route can range from 12 to 64 miles long. There will be rest stops at every 15 miles, these rest stops will help riders rehydrate on their journey.

Any TJC student or faculty can contact Mr. Springer to reserve one of the 20 free admission spots. His email is rspr@tjc.edu.

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I started my pre-requisites and I quickly realized it was not what I wanted to do, not to mention I have a pretty weak stomach. I continued my education because I wanted to make my parents proud, however in the midst of it all I decided to take the next step in my love life and had my first child with my high school sweetheart. My life changed so much from that point forward. Becoming a first time Mom was the most rewarding but most tiring thing in the world. At that time, I decided to take a break from school and focus on my child. During my time away I decided that I did not want to be a Nurse, much less for the rest of my life.

Music has always been my passion, I literally survive off of music. After becoming more involved with the music industry I met several Publicists. They were the sweetest, most caring people I have probably ever ran into. I was able to learn more about what exactly a Publicist does and what Public Relations is as a whole. It didn't take long for me to see how much this was a fit for me. Unfortunately, I was not blessed with a beautiful voice but I love traveling, I love music, and I am a pretty good writer. (After all I got you to read this far right?) I decided I would follow my passion and switch my majors and in the middle of that I had my second child which slowed me down a little more. After that came the separation with my kids father. I have had many obstacles along the way but here I am now and I am so close to the finish line.

I am very blessed to have a huge support system. My family has been there for me through it all to push me and motivate me and I am eternally grateful for it.



Baha'i Club of TJC.

Come and join us for lunch!

The Baha'i Club is hosting meetings for Spring 2018:

Wednesdays

12PM to 1PM

@ Rogers Nursing Building, Student Lounge 2.211

Thursdays

12:30PM to 1:00PM

@ Vaugh Library, FCC Room

Our club is dedicated to unity among all religions.

We get together for lunch to peacefully discuss topics based on the Baha'i Faith with the goal to make a positive difference in our community (and the world!)

All are welcome. Most of our members are not of the Baha'i Faith and come from many different backgrounds!

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Important people from Mexico and other places. Our main goal as an organization is to help out many students to further their education. At the end of every spring semester we offer a trip called Life Beyond TJC which is where our members attend 3 different types of universities and they get to meet their Hispanic student organizations and learn from them. Our meeting are held every other Wednesday @ 5:00 pm in the Ornelas Gold Room if you are interested in knowing more about our organization contact us on orgsync!

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Conoce a nuestra nueva Jefa de Editores

Vanesa Olvera
Jefa de Editores

Hola, mi nombre es Vanesa Olvera; Soy la nueva jefa de editores de "The Drumbeat." Estoy muy emocionado de ser parte de los medios estudiantiles dado que no tengo absolutamente ninguna experiencia. Este es mi primer año trabajando para "The Drumbeat" y, aunque estuve escribiendo historias para la página de Deportes el semestre pasado, siento que todavía tengo mucho que aprender.

Actualmente soy estudiante a tiempo completo, madre soltera de dos hijos, y también trabajo otros dos trabajos a tiempo parcial además de los medios estudiantiles. Tengo una agenda muy apretada, trabajo en un banco de lunes a sábado, en Sephora los fines de semana, y por supuesto tengo que ser una madre a tiempo completo con todo lo demás. Me encanta el dinero, me encanta el maquillaje, me encanta escribir y amo a mis hijos, así que definitivamente disfruto de todos mis trabajos.

Esta etapa es probablemente la más ocupada que he tenido en mi vida, pero sinceramente no lo hubiera hecho de otra manera.

Aunque a veces puede ser abrumador, estoy feliz de estar donde estoy en la vida.

Este es mi último semestre en TJC, me graduaré en Mayo con mi título en Publicidad/ Relaciones Públicas. Constantemente me preguntan en qué me estoy especializando y nunca falla la respuesta de la gente. "Relaciones públicas?" Seguido de una mirada confundida, mientras que otros que están familiarizados con lo que es, me aseguran que me sienta bien.

Cuando me gradué de la escuela secundaria, estaba segura de querer ser enfermera. Cuando era niña siempre decía que quería ser pediatra, pero a medida que crecía veía que la enfermería parecía ser LA posición para una mujer exitosa. No tenía idea de qué me estaba metiendo.

Comencé mis prerrequisitos y rápidamente me di cuenta de que no era lo que quería hacer, sin mencionar que tengo un estómago bastante débil. Continué mi educación porque quería hacer que mis padres se sintieran orgullosos, sin embargo, en medio de todo, decidí dar el siguiente paso en mi vida amorosa y tuve mi primera hija con mi novio de 5 años.

Mi vida cambió mucho desde ese punto en adelante. Convertirse en mamá por primera vez era la cosa más gratificante pero más cansada del mundo. En ese momento, decidí tomar un descanso de la escuela y concentrarme en mi hija.

Durante mi tiempo libre decidí que no quería ser enfermera, y mucho menos por el resto de mi vida.

La música siempre ha sido mi pasión, literalmente sobrevivo de la música. Después de involucrarme más con la industria de la música, conocí a varias Publicistas. Eran las personas más dulces y cariñosas con las que probablemente me he encontrado. Pude aprender más acerca de qué hace exactamente un publicista y qué es Relaciones Públicas en su conjunto. No me llevó mucho tiempo ver cuánto me quedaba ser Publicista.

Desafortunadamente, no fui bendecida con una hermosa voz, pero me encanta viajar, me encanta la música y soy una escritora bastante buena. (Después de todo, conseguí que leyeras hasta aquí, ¿verdad?)

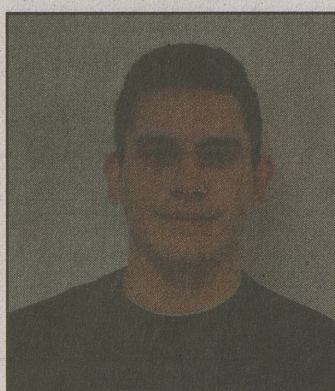
Decidí que seguiría mi pasión y cambiaría mis especializaciones y, en el medio de eso, tuve mi segundo hijo, lo que me retrasó un

poco más. Después de eso vino la separación con el padre de mis hijos. He tenido muchos obstáculos en el camino, pero aquí estoy ahora y estoy muy cerca de terminar.

Estoy muy bendecida de tener un gran sistema de apoyo. Mi familia ha estado allí para ayudarme y motivarme, y estoy eternamente agradecido por ello.



Vanesa Olvera
Editor en Jefe



Andres R. Jaimes
Jefe de Redaccion

Venezuela, el País Más Hermoso del Mundo

Fotos y canciones no pueden describir la belleza real de uno de los países más únicos del mundo.

Si eres como yo, y estas al día con las noticias, puedes pensar que Venezuela está pasando por momentos difíciles, pero déjame decirte porque este país todavía es uno de los países más hermosos del mundo.

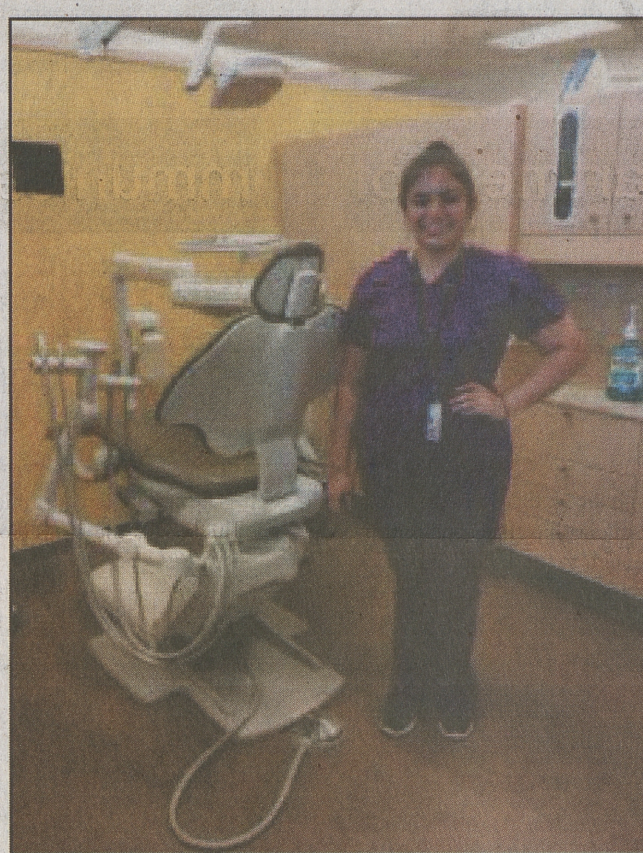
El lugar donde me crié, es más que un país basado en petróleo. Venezuela tiene todos los paisajes que te puedes imaginar. Nieve, desierto, saltos de agua, playas, entre otros, nombrarlos, lo tenemos. También, tenemos las mejores personas del mundo. Los venezolanos son considerados entre las personas más felices en el planeta, nuestra personalidad cambia la actitud de la gente a nuestro alrededor, nuestras sonrisas son brillantes cuando llegamos a cualquier lugar, y nuestra risa es música para los oídos de otros.

Los venezolanos hacen impacto en todo lo que hacen. En béisbol, tenemos súper estrellas y jugadores más valiosos, como José Altuve, y el "Tigre" Miguel Cabrera. También,

para darles una idea de lo hermosas que son nuestras mujeres, más de cinco venezolanas han sido nombradas Miss Universo. Músicos y Actores, tienen su propio nombre, y son reconocidos por su trabajo, como el gran cagique Edgar Ramírez, y nuestro amado, "Tío" Simón Díaz, que tiene un Grammy en su nombre.

Para aquellos que aman el turismo, no quiten a Venezuela de su lista de lugares por visitar. Algún día volveremos y nos recuperaremos de los momentos trágicos por los que pasamos y seremos otra vez un destino deseado. Mi mamá siempre me dijo que jamás debo olvidar de donde soy sin importar donde este, y sin importar a donde vaya, jamás podré encontrar un lugar como el país donde nací. Hoy, casi 21 años en mi vida, me doy cuenta que mi madre tiene razón, no hay lugar en el mundo que se pueda comparar con la gente y los países que hay en Venezuela.

¡Viva Venezuela!



Los efectos de DACA hacia los estudiantes de TJC

Andres R. Jaimes
Jefe de Redaccion

Aunque la resolución hacia la situación Acción Diferida para los Llegados en la Infancia, mejor conocida como DACA, no ha aparecido, el gobierno todavía esta trabajando para llegar a una decisión. Esta decisión, en pocos meses, puede afectar algunos de nuestros propios estudiantes que se les ha otorgado DACA. Heidi Soto, estudiante del programa de Higiene Dental, ha tenido este permiso por cinco años. Tres de esos años, ha estudiado en TJC. Ella es un ejemplo como este permiso a traído jóvenes con un futuro brillante a este país.

Desde de que se le fue otorgada este permiso, Heidi ha tomado ventaja, en la secundaria estuvo involucrada en diferentes programas, y siguió con esa misma pasión en TJC. Algunos de sus logros incluyen recibir la beca presidencial de honores, mantener una posición como representante en Phi Theta Kappa, entre muchos otros. Como Heidi, otros "soñadores" que se les han otorgado este permiso también son reconocidos por su potencial para ser líderes en este país. Este permiso no se le es otorgado a todo el que aplique. "Yo creo que las personas que se les otorga DACA, son estudiantes que quieren ob-

tener un título y quieren mejorarse a ellos mismos," dijo Heidi. "Yo siento que este grupo de personas están ayudando a este país."

Recibir DACA no le da nacionalidad a este grupo, pero si les da la oportunidad de obtener una licencia de conducir, un número de seguro social, y un permiso para trabajar, lo que significa que este grupo tiene muchas oportunidades para brillar en este país. El pensamiento que el gobierno puede remover este permiso no le pasa a Heidi por la mente frecuentemente, pero el pensamiento sigue ahí.

"Si ha habido veces que me preocupo," dijo Heidi, "pero pienso que el gobierno ve el beneficio de DACA, por el proceso que tienes que hacer."

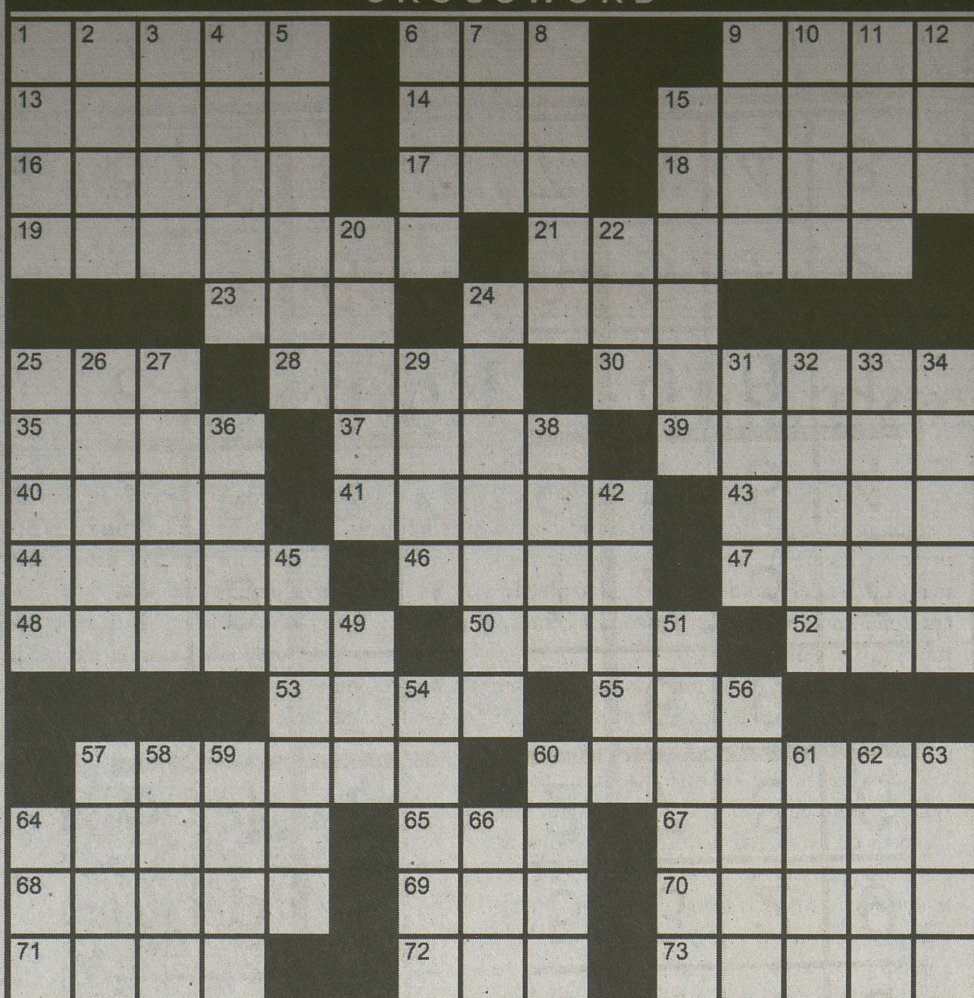
Algunos de los requisitos para aplicar para este permiso incluyen estar inscrito en la secundaria, ser graduado, o estar trabajando en obtener un certificado de GED. Los aplicantes no pueden haber sido convictos por un crimen, un delito significativo, o tres o más delitos menores. Estos y el resto de los requisitos están disponibles en uscis.gov. El gobierno hará una decisión en este permiso pronto y podrá afectar a miles de estudiantes alrededor del país.



Palabras de motivación para esta semana:

El camino hacia tus sueños no siempre es fácil de navegar, a veces salpicado de montañas para escalar, obstáculos que superar y tiempos duros y entumecedores que te harán sentir que quieres rendirte. Solo recuerda esto, si te pierdes en el camino: cualquier cosa que valga la pena no es fácil. Entonces no vuelvas atrás. No te rindas.

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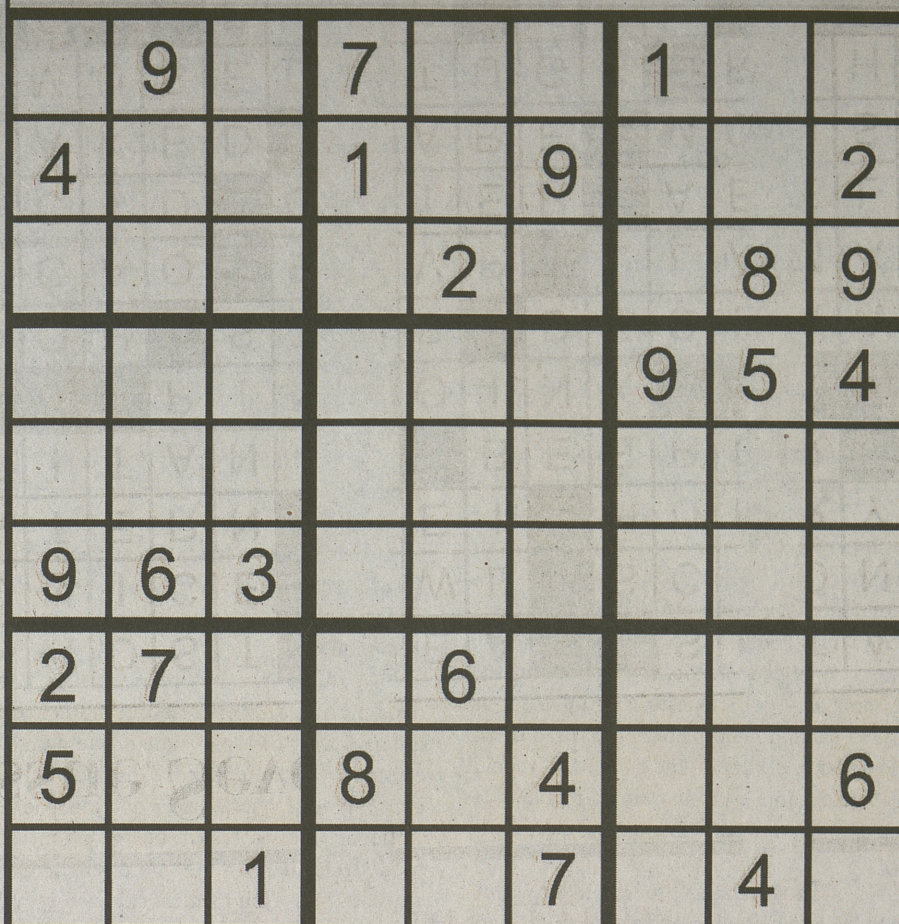
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1. Nerds
6. *Dad's Valentine
9. *Seal with a kiss and do this
13. Marconi's wireless telegraphy
14. Nightcap rocks
15. Relish tastebuds' sensation
16. Fervor
17. "Le ____ des cygnes"
18. Togetherness
19. *Botanical Valentine's Day gift, pl.
21. *Romantic taper
23. *Princess Jasmine's love interest
24. Per person
25. Rub-a-dub-____
28. Distressed cry
30. Asphalt alternative
35. Native-American storytelling tradition
37. Sound of impact
39. Royal headgear
40. Morally reprehensible
41. Type of rug
43. Tennis serving whiz
44. Painter's support
46. Dust allergy trigger
47. It "was made for you and me"
48. *He played Lara Antipova's lover, 1965

DOWN

50. Swerve
52. Is, no longer
53. Fireplace part
55. Corn unit
57. *St. Valentine, e.g.
60. *Author of earliest Valentine's Day reference.
64. Chinese silk plant
65. Fluffy accessory
67. Window treatment
68. Change the Constitution
69. Annoying pop-ups
70. Implant
71. It can turn pumpkin into carriage
72. Fishing mesh
73. Relieves

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1. Steffi of tennis
2. "Me and ____ and the Dying Girl"
3. Cocoyam
4. Native of American Great Plains
5. Very much
6. 0.001 inches, pl.
7. Mozart's "L'____ del Cairo"
8. Hajj destination
9. Head-hiding place
10. Bad to the bone
11. Post-it slip

12. Like some martinis
15. Broad-brimmed beachwear
20. Watts events, 1965
22. Make a scene
24. Hard to pin down
25. *Avian symbol of love, pl.
26. "Umble" Heep
27. Crafter's wood
29. Impulse
31. Iranian coin
32. Cockatoo's cousin
33. Rome's Colosseum
34. *Paper greetings
36. Suggestive look
38. *Valentine's Day Get-together
42. Medicinal worm
45. Up in the air
49. Tsetse, e.g.
51. Traveling entertainer's helper
54. Opposite of rural
56. Aung San Suu Kyi's home
57. Vicki Lawrence's Thelma Harper
58. Echoed by the flock
59. Source of zest
60. Those in a play
61. Uber competitors
62. "The Three Musketeers" dueling sword
63. Bolsheviks
64. Like sashimi
66. Schiller's "____ to Joy"

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